



THE Normanhurst News

The weekly newsletter of Normanhurst Boys High School

Celebrating 50 years of quality education for boys

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From the Principal

Supporting Year 12

I have very much enjoyed the interviews that I have been conducting with our Year 12 boys in which I have discussed with them their progress in the various courses, the targets that they are setting themselves, both for the HSC and beyond and the strategies that they need to employ to achieve those targets. I have been very impressed by the maturity that the boys display, encouraged by their positive attitude and delighted to see the bar being set at such high, but achievable levels, by so many. I hope to be able to finalise these interviews by the end of term.



The weeks ahead are going to bring with them increasing levels of stress and anxiety as we move towards the Trial HSC and then the final HSC examinations. As a school, we will offer as much support as possible through our counsellor, mentors, year adviser and teaching staff. I will be sending some information home shortly about strategies that parents can utilise to help their sons through this period and if you have any concerns about the way in which your son is coping please let me know.

Parent Teacher Interviews

I am looking forward next Tuesday night, July 1, to meeting as many parents of Year 10 and 11 as possible at the parent/teacher interviews. These are both critical years; Year 10 are approaching the final semester of their School Certificate courses and will need to start making decisions soon about their HSC programs of study. Year 11 students will return next term to complete their Preliminary HSC courses before embarking on their HSC courses in Term 4. These interviews will therefore be valuable in identifying issues that need to be addressed as we approach these key transition points. Please make sure your son has made appointments with his teachers. I would also ask that you restrict your interviews to a maximum of ten minutes with each teacher so that we can facilitate as many interviews as possible.

Congratulations

Last weekend we entered several teams in the Royal Australian Chemical Institute Titration Competition, a prestigious science competition in which teams of three

from government, independent and Catholic schools compete. This was the first time our school has entered and our teams certainly had a major impact on the competition, taking out 1st, 3rd, 4th, 8th and 10th places. Congratulations to all the teams, and particularly to the winning team of Salar Rashidianfar (Yr12), Craig Hughes (Yr12) and Noah Frelander (Yr11).



Congratulations also, to Ashley Gregory who has been selected to represent Sydney in the upcoming WorldSkills national competition. Ashley is competing in the IT Software Applications category which is quite an achievement for someone who is still at school

Our 15's Football team had a strong win in their Bill Turner Cup game against Davidson High and hopefully will continue on through this competition. Our Open Team, however, were not so fortunate, going down to Epping Boys in the Regional Final of their competition. It was a great effort by these boys and their coach Ms Wright to get so far.



Outstanding Citizenship

After a few negatives last week about school image it was wonderful to hear two pieces of news that certainly reflected the sort of image we would all like to promote. Firstly, I received an email from a member of the public this week thanking the school and in particular 2 students in Year 8, for their honesty in handing in a wallet to the school which had been found at the station. Congratulations to David Yu and Sai Sivayogarayan for being such fine ambassadors for our school. This was followed a day or so later by another student in Year 9 handing in an envelope with a large sum of money that he had found on the footpath as he walked home.

Improving the Communication Channels

It goes without saying that schools are busy places and often when parents or other members of the community wish to speak to one of our staff, they are unable to do so. This week we have had our new phone system installed which will now enable callers to leave messages for staff who are unable to take a call. I hope that this new system will facilitate improved communication between the school and its community.

Kind regards

Jeff Bruce

Principal

P & C NEWS

Postponement of Dr Martin's Seminar

Just a reminder that Dr Martin's seminar has been postponed until the end of next term. More details will follow closer to the time.

Meetings

There is now no need for an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 1 July as previously advised in Normo News. It has been cancelled.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 12 August

Best wishes

Pevlin Price

P&C President

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are scheduled to be taken on **Monday 30 June and Tuesday 1 July 2008**.

On **Wednesday 2 July 2008** a whole school photo will be taken on the basketball courts in celebration of the 50th anniversary of NBHS. All students are expected to be in attendance and in **FULL SPORT uniform**.

Envelopes for the purchase of individual and Year photos have been distributed through roll classes during Week 9 of Term 2. Parents wishing to purchase sport or miscellaneous photos will need to collect a **second** envelope from the front office.

Should any student have lost their envelope, or, if a family would like to purchase a family pack, then spare and family envelopes are also available at the front office.

The timetable of photos over these two days will be published shortly and copies posted around the school. It is imperative that students be at school on each of these days if they wish to be included in the photos.

Finally, all matters pertaining to orders for photos and money must be taken up with the photo company **NOT** the school or office support staff. The company may be contacted on **9890 3770**.

R. Briefrel

School Photo co-ordinator

CAREERS NEWS

Macquarie University Parent Information Evening

Date: Wednesday 30 July 2008

Time: 6pm - 8pm

An information evening for parents and their children will be hosted by Macquarie University. The purpose of the evening is to provide information on entry qualifications to Macquarie University degree programs, how the UAI works and is calculated and information on unique initiatives for students at Macquarie.

The speakers for the evening are:

- **Macquarie University Subject Selection, Prerequisites and Assumed Knowledge**

Kathlyn Smart, Assistant Registrar - Coursework Studies

- **The Global Futures Program**

Caroline Trotman, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Development and External Relations

- **Demystifying the UAI**

Professor George Cooney, Chair of the Technical Committee on Scaling, NSW Board of Studies

Information on Macquarie University degree programs will also be available and also the opportunity to meet current students and academic staff.

NB: This event is free of charge and refreshments will be provided.

Seats are limited and bookings are essential.

RSVP: Philippa Borland, 9850 1881, or email at

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Mrs Packham

Careers Adviser

MAKING MATHEMATICAL MILESTONE!!!

8M1 and 8M2 have been forging history – they have just become the first students at NBHS to complete the challenge stage of the Mathematical Challenge for Young Australians run by the Australian Maths Trust and partially funded by the federal government. This is a project for mathematically talented school students. It is designed to enhance their problem solving skills and develops an awareness of the power of Mathematics. Stage 1 engaged students in 6 diverse problems, two of which could be solved with a friend. This is a very exciting experiment and I was most impressed by the quality of solutions and the variety of methods adopted.

Congratulations to both classes and a big thank you to Ms Cooksey and Mrs Gan for allowing me to 'take over' their wonderful classed from time to time. I look forward to extending the program for Year 9 in 2009.

All problems are open-ended and extensive. Marks such as 9 or 10 out of 24 are very acceptable, considering the boys had to keep on top of all their studies at the same time.

Results: Best Presentation Alex Nguyen, 8M1 (17)

First: Gabriel Low, 8M2 (22)

Second: Curtis Cai, Nares Sudarson, 8M2 (21)

Third: Vernon Cheung, 8M1 (20)

Parth Nathani, Sai Sivayogarayan (19); Wesley Kao, Kam Suen Kwan, Yuntai Shen, Joshua Tong, Leo Saito (18); Megh Mankad, Jim Gray, (17); Kelvin Koong, Kevin Chu, John Hor, (16); Preetpal Singh-Dhillon (15); Shiv Sadarangani, Leyson Mak (14); Roland Warner, Jerome Abeleda (13); Orville D'Souza, Tristan Ku, (12); Robert Sidaway, Fergus Yim, Nicholas Ooi, William Sutherland (11); Kevin Gatdula, Abhinav Kishore, Nicholas Moor, Kevin Zhang, Suhada Ekanayake (10); David Yu, Jack Campbell, Leon Dong, Patrick Gan, Justin Kim, Luke Cai, Colin Tsang (9).

Stage 2 of the project is the Enrichment Stage, where students work from 12 chapters of a text and attempt to put theory into practise by solving 12 associated problems. Some 26 students have volunteered to move on to this phase over the next 12 weeks. Watch for examples (and solutions!) in October issues.

Try the problem example below (the first fully correct solution submitted to Mr Ridley will receive a prize – 8M1 & 8M2 exempt):

12. Ice-creams

Each summer weekend Sid drives his new ice-cream van to the local coastal towns. It has an accurate digital fuel gauge that tells him precisely how much fuel he uses on a trip. He notices that his van's rate of fuel consumption is the same every weekend. He leaves home with his fuel tank nearly empty so he has to fill up at the local petrol station first. He sells only enough ice-creams so that his takings are \$100 plus the cost of fuel used since filling up, based on the price paid at the petrol station. Then he goes surfing.

On the first weekend Sid bought petrol at \$1.46 per litre so he decided to charge 85c per ice-cream. He travelled 328 km and sold 152 ice-creams to make his required total.

On the second weekend Sid bought petrol at \$1.40 per litre and sold each ice-cream at 80c.

On the third weekend petrol was \$1.45 per litre so Sid increased the ice-cream price, sold 13 less ice-creams, and used 3 litres less fuel than the second weekend.

On the fourth weekend petrol was \$1.50 per litre. Sid raised the ice-cream price again, this time by twice the previous weekend's increase. He travelled 360.8km and sold 140 ice-creams.

- How many kilometres on average does the van travel per litre of petrol?*
- What was the price Sid sold each ice-cream for on the fourth weekend?*
- What was the price Sid sold each ice-cream for on the third weekend?*
- How many litres of petrol did Sid use on the second weekend?*

HINT: ANSWERS are (a) 16.4km (b) 95 cents (c) 85 cents (d) 12 litres

Mr G Ridley, Extension & Enrichment Mathematics

RACI NSW SCHOOLS TITRATION COMP

On Saturday 21/06/08, 8 teams of 3 boys travelled to UTS to compete in the Titration Competition. Each of these boys should be very proud of their efforts as the competition requires the teams to work closely together with great precision.

In our first year of competition, the boys achieved fantastic results. The team made up of: Noah Freeland, Craig Hughes and Amir Salar Rashidianfar came first and will now compete in the national competition. A second team comprising: Stephen Browne, Alex Chan and Daniel Yeo came third and it is very likely they will also be invited to the next round. A third team came fourth and we had one other team achieve results of excellence.

Mrs K Barbeler

Titration Competition Coordinator

YEAR 9 NOTES

All year 9 have been given a letter regarding High Resolves Initiative Leadership Training to be held on Thursday 3 July and Friday 4 July. Details of this program are described on the letter. It would be greatly appreciated if all parents please ensure their son returns his permission on Monday 30 June to Mrs James.

Mrs D James

Year 9 Adviser

MOCK TRIAL NEWS

On Wednesday evening of last week, Normanhurst Boys completed the fourth round of the Mock Trial competition against north Sydney Boys. Congratulations to the team for their success in this round and hopefully they have now done enough to get through to the next set of competition rounds.

Barristers Michael Tong and Dev Bhutani advocated strongly in defence of their client Thomas Wright, who was accused of assaulting a fellow player during a rugby league match. The defence put forward by the Normanhurst team was one of self defence, meaning that Thomas only acted in defence of his own person. Mahesh Venkat provided a supporting witness statement. However, because he was supposedly concussed during the match, the Magistrate didn't place great weight on his version of events. Instructing solicitor was Alan Xu, who had the busy task of recording all the witness' statements and assisting barristers with their objections. Jason Lau was the magistrate's assistant and fulfilled his role well.

Normanhurst won the round but the magistrate decided that the prosecution's version of events was proved and so North Sydney won the case.

Final scores were North Sydney Boys 187 to Normanhurst 198. Well done team on another successful round.

Mrs D Black

Mock Trial Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Luke McKerrell, Malcolm Ramsay

and Anuj Devalia on gaining selection in the Sydney North team to compete at the NSW All Schools Cross Country carnival.

D Rodgie
Sports Coordinator

SPORTS RESULTS

GRADE			DATE:25/6/2008	ROUND No 9
SPORT		OPPOSITION	WINNER	SCORE
Rugby	1st	Asquith	Asquith	12-28
Rugby	2nd	Epping 3	Epping 3	12-20
Rugby	15A	Normanhurst have withdrawn		
Rugby	14A	Asquith	Normanhurst	10-59
Rugby	13B	Bye	Bye	
Soccer	1st	Asquith	Normanhurst	6-1
Soccer	2nd	Asquith	Asquith	0-1
Soccer	3rd	Asquith	Normanhurst	3-1
Soccer	15A	Asquith	Normanhurst	4-1
Soccer	15B	Epping 15c	Epping 15c	1-2
Soccer	14A	Asquith	Normanhurst	2-1
Soccer	14B	North Sydney	Draw	0-0
Soccer	13A	Asquith	Normanhurst	2-1
Soccer	13B	Asquith	Normanhurst	3-1
Soccer	13C	Asquith	Normanhurst	1-0
Hockey	1st	Homebush 2	Normanhurst	4-1
Hockey	15	Homebush 15b	Normanhurst	5-0
Tennis	1st	Bye	-	-
Tennis	2nd	Bye	-	-
Tennis	15	Asquith	Normanhurst	5-1
Tennis	14	Asquith	Normanhurst	5-1
Table Tennis	1st	Asquith	Normanhurst	Forfeit
Table Tennis	2nd	Asquith	Normanhurst	4-0
Table Tennis	15	Asquith	Normanhurst	4-0
Table Tennis	14	Asquith	Normanhurst	4-0
Lawn Bowls	1st	Asquith	Asquith	5-6
Lawn Bowls	15	Asquith	Normanhurst	14-0

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<i>Wk</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	
10	30 Jun School Photos	1 Jul School Photos Yr10/11 P/T Night	2 Whole School Photo (50 th Anniversary)	3 Yr9 High Resolves Yr12 PDHPE Enrichment Day Yr9 Drama Performance Evening	4 Jul Yr9 High Resolves END TERM 2	
	← NO ASSESSMENT TASKS →				Yr12 Music 1 Yr10 Visual Design	
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<i>Wk</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	
1	21 July Term 3 begins SDD	22 Zone Athletics	23	24 Yr9 High Resolves Yr7 Teachers' Mtg RACI Chemistry Quiz	25 Yr9 High Resolves Yr7 reports issued Schools Tree Day	
	Yr12 SDD	Yr12 Visual Arts		Yr12 English Adv	Yr12 English Ext2 Yr12 Economics Yr11 Music 1	